

# ASHLAND PLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 16, 2021 ■ Ascension Sunday

## — WE GATHER —

**WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES**

Dr. Sterling Boykin

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY** *Three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**PRELUDE**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Page

Jennifer Bemis, organ

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Almighty God, grant that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and dwell with him; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Come, Christians Join to Sing*

UMH 158

❖ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*You are invited to greet those near you with the words, "Peace be with you" and respond with "And also with you."*

**MINISTRY MOMENT**

10 Year Anniversary of the Joseph Project

Leigh Faircloth

## — WE LISTEN —

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Dr. Susan Santoli

**Blessed are you, Lord God, King of all creation: You have taught us by your Word. Open our hearts to your Spirit and lead us on the paths of Christ, your Son. All praise and glory be yours forever. Amen.**

**PSALTER** *Responsive Reading from Psalm 1*

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, **whatever they do, it shall prosper.**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Acts 1:1-11

May God bless the reading of the Word. **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer (verses 1 and 3)*

UMH 496

❖ *Please Stand as you are able, Bold Print— Congregation Reads Aloud*

**GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:44-53**

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Ascension*

Dr. Sterling Boykin

— WE RESPOND —

**HOLY BAPTISM OF KATHERINE GREY HYNSON**

*Please See Insert*

**BAPTISM CHORUS**

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (verse 1)*

UMH 611

**MORNING PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER and OFFERTORY**

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*  
Chancel Choir

Spiritual

♪ **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

— WE GO FORTH —

❖ **INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

❖ **HYMN OF INVITATION**

*Spirit of the Living God*

UMH 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

❖ **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Postlude on "Laudate Dominum"*

arr. Williamson

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by Fay Adams to the glory of God and in loving memory of her children Lawrence and Jennifer on their birthdays.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to Stephanie Whitehead Jackson upon the death of her mother Frances "Diana" Stewart Whitehead on May 4.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of Margaret Graham who died on May 9, 2021. Please keep Ruffin and their children in your prayers.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS for May 16th

### Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

May God bless the reading of the Word. **Thanks be to God.**

### Luke 24:44-53

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; 53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMNS FOR VIRTUAL WORSHIP

### *Come, Christians Join to Sing*

UMH 158

1 Come, Christians, join to sing:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice,  
before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice.  
Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend;  
to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end:  
Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet the Lord again:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore  
his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore:  
Alleluia! Amen!

### *Sweet Hour of Prayer* (verses 1 and 3) UMH 496

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

## WELCOME

Thank you for choosing to worship with us at Ashland Place United Methodist Church. If you have questions about church activities, church membership, or the Christian faith, we would love to speak with you. Feel free to contact one of our pastors, or a staff member if we can assist you in any way.



## THE JOSEPH PROJECT—10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

This month we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of The Joseph Project. For the many volunteers, it is hard to believe that this ministry of Ashland Place has been working in the community for 10 years.

The Joseph Project offers hungry families in our community a kind word of hope, a gracious relationship and food that helps “make the ends meet”.

The Joseph Project thanks all those who make this valuable ministry flourish:

- the staff of Dumas Wesley Center;
- the volunteers who work each week to stock, package and distribute the food, the words and graces;
- and those who support the ministry through prayer and financial support.

Today and throughout the month, you can help us celebrate this ministry by donating 10 food items or \$10. A Collection pot can be found in the Church Office and in our worship spaces. Thank you for celebrating 10 years of ministry through The Joseph Project!

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

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## THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES

**Sunday, May 16, 2021 —**

**Ascension Modern Service** — 9:00 a.m.  
Wesley Class Adult Sunday School — 10:00 a.m.  
**Traditional Sanctuary Service** — 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Group — 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday —**

Prayer Shawl Ministry — 10:00 a.m. (Parlor)

**Thursday —**

Men’s Bible Study — 7:00 a.m. (Parlor)

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

2021 UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, May 9th

Giving Received: \$ 17,805  
Giving Needed Weekly: \$ 15,806

YEAR TO DATE INFORMATION:

As of the end of April  
Giving Received: \$230,848  
Giving Needed: \$271,520

*To give safely online, please visit [www.apumc.com](http://www.apumc.com) and click on the “GIVE” tab.*

## CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Please hold these members in your prayers: Emily Barnett Albert, John Allen, Jean Brown, Pierce Coggin, Sharon Coggin, Linda Lee Counts, Jane Ford, Ruffin Graham\*, Erveta Haas, Steve Johnson, Freddie Jones, Thalia Laird, David Mann, Peggy Mann, Haley Maxime, Lexi Mestas Mayhall, Valencia and Calvin Montgomery, Michael Pierce, Sr, Burton Roton, Nancy Scott, Nyla Smith, Law Stuart, Kathryn Willingham.

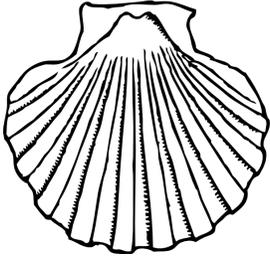
(\*New this week)

*Contact Pam Bostick in the Church Office to add someone to this prayer list for our Intercessory prayer group, &/or for the printed bulletin.*

**NURSERY** (infant—2nd grade) is available for a limited number of families per service on Sundays. Make reservations through Amy True at [atrue@apumc.com](mailto:atrue@apumc.com).

## **CHURCH-WIDE, ALL AGES BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning June 9th, we will have a Bible study for **all ages** on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30. We will start together and then divide into age groups for discussions. Additional details to come!



# A Service of Holy Baptism

## *Katherine Grey Hynson*

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE** *The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

### **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE** *The parents will present the child for baptism as follows:*

**"We present Katherine Grey Hynson for baptism."**

### **RENUNCIATION OF SIN & PROFESSION OF FAITH** *The pastor addresses the parents.*

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? **I will.**

*The pastor addresses all:* Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin, and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

*Let us all join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **♪ GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A-men. A-men.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

**CHRISTENING** *The pastor addresses the parents:*

What name is given this child? ***Katherine Grey***

## BAPTISM

***Katherine Grey*** I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**



The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome ***Katherine Grey Hynson***, our new sister in Christ.

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.**

## COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend **Katherine** to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you, in the body of Christ, and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

## BLESSING

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. **Amen.**

## ♪ BAPTISMAL HYMN

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

UMH 611

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign; with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Katherine Grey Hynson's parents are Austin and Carlie Hynson; her big brother is Carter Hynson; and her grandparents are Paula Hynson, Kathy McCaffrey and Raymond McCaffrey.